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[54] **SUBSTITUTED QUATERRYLENE TETRACARBOXYLIC ACID DIIMIDES**

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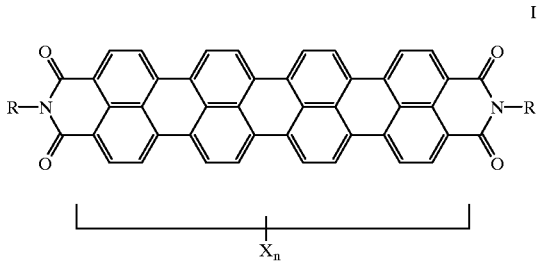
[57] **ABSTRACT**

Quaterrylenetetracarboxylic diimides I



where

R is hydrogen;

C_1–C_{30}-alkyl whose carbon chain may be interrupted by one or more of —O—, —S—, —NR^1—, —CO— and/or —SO_2— and which may be monosubstituted or polysubstituted by cyano, C_1–C_6-alkoxy or a 5-, 6- or 7-membered heterocyclic radical which is attached via a nitrogen atom and which may contain further heteroatoms and may be aromatic, where

R^1 is hydrogen or C_1–C_6-alkyl;

C_5–C_8-cycloalkyl whose carbon skeleton may be interrupted by one or more of —O—, —S— and/or —NR^1—;

aryl or hetaryl, which may each be monosubstituted or poly-substituted by C_1–C_{18}-alkyl, C_1–C_6-alkoxy, cyano, —$CONHR^2$, —$NHCOR^2$ and/or aryl- or hetaryl-azo, which may each be substituted by C_1–C_{10}-alkyl, C_1–C_6-alkoxy or cyano, where

R^2 is hydrogen; C_1–C_{18}-alkyl; aryl or hetaryl, which may each be substituted by C_1–C_6-alkyl, C_1–C_6-alkoxy, halogen or cyano;

X is halogen; C_1–C_{18}-alkyl; aryloxy, arylthio, hetaryloxy or hetarylthio, which may each be substituted by C_1–C_4-alkyl or C_1–C_4-alkoxy;

n is from 2 to 12,

their preparation and use as pigments or fluorescent dyes.

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